

Serial No. 10/685,808

Docket No. HI-0181

Amendment dated January 2, 2009

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-8, 10-12, and 14-19 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 17 are amended, and claim 9 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is added. Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, including the original claims, and the drawings. It is respectfully submitted that claim 1-8, 10-12, and 14-19 define over the applied prior art, and thus, should be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

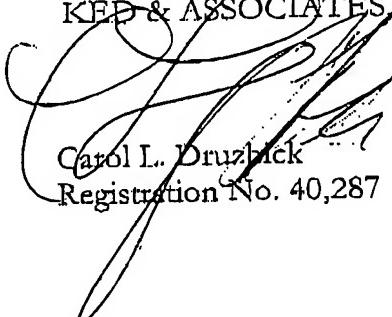
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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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